

89. The guide wire of claim 88 wherein the multifilar wire is cross-wound.

90. The guide wire of claim 74 wherein the polymeric material comprises a tip surrounding a distal end of the core.--

REMARKS

Applicant hereby amends the specification to provide information about related applications and to assert right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant hereby cancels claims 22-26 and 28-56 without prejudice, and adds new claims 57-90. All amendments are supported by the original specification. For example, support for new claims 57-90 may be found in the original specification at pages 6-10 and Figs. 1 and 2. Applicants submit that no new matter is added by the present amendment.

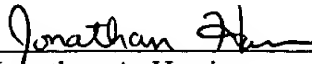
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 248-7328. Applicant believes that no fees are necessitated by this Preliminary Amendment. In the event that any fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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